

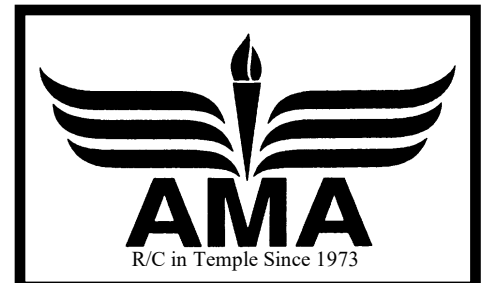
# The Temple Aero Modeler

The Official Newsletter of the Temple Aero Modelers Radio Controlled Aircraft Club

January 2026



This month's meeting will be held Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Ronald McDonald House in Temple (2415 S. 47<sup>th</sup>) beginning at 7:30pm.



*Club Meeting:  
January 26<sup>th</sup>*

# CLUB INFO

*Club members will  
set the calendar of  
events for 2026 at  
the upcoming  
January meeting*

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## On The Cover

There was a good turnout of participants this year for the Club's annual Don Cullison Memorial Toy Fly. The toys that were collected this year were donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

*Photo by Frank Sodek*

## Temple Aero Modelers Event Schedule

Jan 26	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Feb 23	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Mar 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Apr 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
May 18	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jun 29	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Jul 27	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Aug 31	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Sep 28	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Oct 26	Club Meeting	7:30pm
Nov 30	Club Meeting	7:30pm

Note: A tentative calendar of events will be established at the January meeting, so please attend and make your inputs known!

Club business meetings are held on the last Monday of each month, with the exception of May (pulled up one week because of Memorial Day) and December (replaced by the Christmas Banquet).

Frank Sodek – Editor (254)295-6204  
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## President's Report



Hello fellow aviation nuts!

Once again I find myself typing “Happy New Year” to you guys (and gals). It’s hard to believe, but has been 5 years since we moved from Austin to Temple, and 4 years since Steve Sanders handed over the presidential baton. Time flies when you’re having

fun, I guess!

This year begins a new journey for me in the RC world, and that is diving into the world of 3D plane flying. I never really understood the fascination with it, preferring to fly smooth aerobatics, or more high energy stuff. Late last year I started watching a few videos on 3D flying, and began researching something that would allow me to learn 3D without killing a bunch of planes. I wanted something similar to my small Goosky S2 helicopter that I fly at home, which taught me a lot and really helped build my helicopter skills. I ended up with a Twisted Hobbys 32” Crack Yak. It’s made from EPP foam, which is virtually unbreakable. The kits are expensive for what they are, but I decided to buy one and see what all the fuss was about. All I can say is I should have done it long ago. In the few weeks I’ve had it, I have already made amazing progress with my flying! It’s amazing how quickly you can learn when you’re not afraid to crash, and you don’t have to go to the field to fly. Any small open area will do, and it’s remote ID exempt being under 250g. About the only downside is you need near calm conditions to really enjoy flying it. Late evenings and early mornings are perfect. If you are at all interested in 3D flying, or just want something fun and amazingly maneuverable, I cannot recommend the Twisted Hobbys line of EPP planes enough! They are amazing.

This year also marks the third year since I started scratch building a large A-7 Corsair II EDF jet. It seems like a never-ending project, but I have decided that it will fly (or attempt to fly) sometime in 2026. We shall see if that goal is achieved or if it will go back to the shelf and collect dust for another year.

2026 may also be the year that I add a few more liquid-fueled planes (or helis?) to the fleet. The scratch-built Ugly Stik I’ve been flying with the little NGH 9cc gas engine has been a lot of fun. I don’t think I will get back

into nitro-powered planes just because of the hassle of getting fuel, but the gas engines are pretty cool and quite economical. I am running a 4 oz fuel tank in the Stik, and a full tank runs for over 15 minutes! That’s pretty cheap flying, even if you buy the expensive “Tru Fuel” stuff that doesn’t stink or go bad like regular gasoline.

I hope you have a great 2026, filled with fun and cool toys.

Till next time. See you at the field!

Chris Boultinghouse

Club President [cboultinghouse@yahoo.com](mailto:cboultinghouse@yahoo.com)

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## Meeting Minutes (November 24, 2025 meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by our Club President, Chris Boultinghouse.

New Members/Visitors - None

Minutes – Minutes from the October meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer’s report was read by Buster Hinkle. Motion to accept the report was approved.

Safety Officer's Report – Ryan read his safety report that was published in the newsletter.

Field Marshal's Report – T.K. is having medical issues with his back. A Field work day was held on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Our annual Field Inspection by the Corps of Engineers will take place on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Announcements – None

Old Business – Fall Fun Fly #2 was rescheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>. Buster will be getting trophies for the winners.

Chris reported on the Local Law Enforcement Drone Training activity that was held at our field on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Another round of E-Combat was held on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

A Night Fly was held on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The weather was decent and a batch of good chili was served.

New Business – A Red Gala fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The club  
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will be donating an RTF trainer with flying lessons included. Four club members will be assisting with the event.

The Don Cullison Memorial Toy Fly will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Entry fee is one unwrapped toy.

Our annual Christmas Banquet will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Northside Church of Christ. We'll have a pot luck meal followed by a short business meeting and a gift exchange.

Officer Nominations for next year were finalized.

**Trip Reports** – None

**Blunder Awards** – Larry Macie got his plane stuck in a tree. Larry won the Blunder Award.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Frank Sodek  
Club Secretary [fsodek@aol.com](mailto:fsodek@aol.com)

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**Treasurer's Report**



**Beginning Balance:** \$4,241.62

**Deposits:** None

**Expenses:**

- Larry (Plywood for sign): \$31.50
- Hilliard Trophies (Fun Fly): \$38.00
- Ronald McDonald House: \$25.00
- Total Expenses:** \$94.50

**Balance November 2025:** \$4,147.12

Submitted by Buster Hinkle  
Club Treasurer

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**Safety Officer's Report**

Welcome to 2026! This might be a slow month for flying because of the unpredictable weather. But that doesn't mean we need to be slacking or being inconsistent on the rules that we follow that keep our pilots and the peanut gallery (I mean spectators) safe.

Submitted by Marsha Hinkle for Ryan Benefield

**Important Notice Regarding January's Meeting**

This month's meeting is when we set a tentative calendar of events for the year, so it is vital for you to attend and provide your input and recommendations, especially if you are willing to direct a particular event.

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**Don Cullison Memorial Toy Fly**

The Don Cullison Memorial Toy Fly was held on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. We had nice cool day and a good turnout, collecting 53 toys! I warmed up my "signature" apple cider that we were able to enjoy with no bees again this year! The optional flavoring was again offered and a few did partake that were not flying. We had a good day of fellowship and a bit of flying, all for a good cause.

The donations were delivered to Ronald McDonald House. They were pleased to receive so many great toys!

Thanks to all!

Mark Cullison

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**Fall Fun Fly #2 Report**

We decided to reschedule the contest to Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> because Sunday was forecasted to be cold and windy. Saturday was a clear warm day. The wind was about 4 MPH from the north then about 4 MPH from the south then about 5 MPH from the east. Chris won the contest, he hit the circle 10 out of 12 attempts and popped 4 balloons. Ryan was 2<sup>nd</sup>, hitting the circle 10 times also but he only popped 2 balloons. Paul and Derek tied for 3rd. Paul hit the circle 9 times and got 2 balloons. Derek hit the circle 10 times and got 1 balloon so Derek and Paul flew another round for the tie breaker. Derek won the coin toss so he chose to have Paul fly first and he hit the circle all 4 times with no balloon pops.

Derek also hit the circle all 4 times and popped 1 balloon. Derek won 3rd place, Paul was 4<sup>th</sup>. Frank hit the circle 7 times and got 1 balloon which put him in 5<sup>th</sup> place. Bobby decided to only fly 2 rounds and hit the circle 2 times. Kenny Malick got disoriented during the base turn on his first attempt and disabled his plane. We made a good decision to fly on Saturday instead of Sunday because Sunday was 40 degrees and 40 mph wind gusts. Marsha helped judge and score the contest.

Submitted by Buster & Marsha Hinkle, Co-CD's

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The top four winners of the Fall Fun Fly #2 competition are shown (L-R) Ryan Benefield (2<sup>nd</sup>), Chris Boultinghouse (1<sup>st</sup>), Paul Milton (4<sup>th</sup>) and Derek Hinkle (3<sup>rd</sup>). Buster (L) and Marsha Hinkle (R) were Co-CDs.

*Photo by Frank Sodek*



The top three finishers of the Electric Combat competition are Ryan Benefield (1<sup>st</sup>, center), Chris Boultinghouse (2<sup>nd</sup>, right) and Derek Hinkle (3<sup>rd</sup>, left). Marsha (L) and Buster Hinkle (R) were Co-CDs.

*Photo by Frank Sodek*



Chris Boultinghouse got his Crack Yak foamy stuck in the top of a tree recently.

*Photo by Chris Boultinghouse*



Mark Cullison is shown with his really nice Sig Kadet Senior Sport. The plane is powered with a Saito .65 4-stroke.

*Photo by Chris Boultinghouse*

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